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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE LEGISLATURE TO THE SURVIVING FAMILY OF JOE GIBBON OF NEWTON, MISSISSIPPI, AND RECOGNIZING HIS LASTING SPORTS LEGACY AS ONE OF THE STATE'S GREATEST TWO-SPORT ATHLETES.

WHEREAS, in 1957, Joe Gibbon scored more points than college contemporaries Wilt Chamberlain and Elin Baylor. Three years later, Gibbon helped the Pittsburgh Pirates win baseball's championship, defeating the New York Yankees in the World Series. Joe Gibbon, one of the greatest multisport athletes in Mississippi history, passed away on February 20, 2019; he was 83 years old; and

WHEREAS, Joe Gibbon, born in Newton County in the Town of Hickory, was an All-American Basketball Player and an All-SEC Baseball Pitcher for Ole Miss in the mid-1950s. Later, he played 13 seasons in the Major Leagues and, as a Rookie in 1960, was a contributor to the World Series Champion Pittsburgh Pirates; and

WHEREAS, at Ole Miss Gibbon was better known for his basketball skills. Joe Gibbon, a 6-foot-4 Forward, finished

Sports Hall of Fame, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE

February 28, 2019

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES